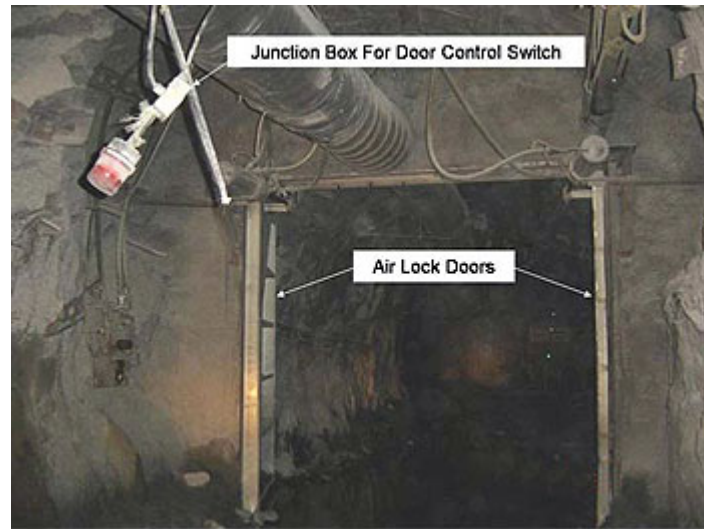




**Fatality #10 - April 28, 2005**  
**Machinery - MT - Platinum Group Ore**  
**Stillwater Mining Company - Stillwater Mine**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On April 28, 2005, a 52-year-old electrician leadman, with 30 years mining experience, was fatally injured at an underground platinum operation. The victim was last known to be working on a door control switch located approximately 15 feet from a set of air lock doors. A co-worker, returning to the area, found him caught between the closed doors.



**Best Practices**

- Conduct a Risk Assessment and communicate before beginning a task, to evaluate the work procedures, identify all possible hazards, and ensure steps are taken to safely perform the task. Establish procedures to safely complete repair tasks.
- When working near air lock doors, block them and bleed off any stored energy to prevent hazardous movement.
- Ensure that miners are not positioned in areas where they are exposed to hazards resulting from a sudden release of energy.
- Before working on equipment, disconnect power from the circuit, lock out, and tag out the circuit.

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2005 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2004, there were 8 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> fatality classified as Machinery in 2005. There were 3 Machinery fatalities during the same period in 2004.